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1. SYG WALDHEIM LETTER OF JUNE 23 THANKING PRESIDENT NIXON FOR USG RESPONSE TO NEED FOR ASSISTING CIVTIMS OF SAHELIAN DROUGHT FOLLOWS.

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

IT IS WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE THAT I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR GOOD LETTER OF 20 JUNE 1973 ADVISING ME OF THE CONTINUING GENEROSITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE
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DEVASTATING DROUGHT IN THE SAHELIAN NATIONS OF AFRICA.

I HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE VERY GREAT ASSISTANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY PROVIDED TO RELIEVE THE

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SUFFERING OF THE AFFECTED PEOPLE OF THE SAHELIAN NATIONS. MAY I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THIS ASSISTANCE.

IN SPITE OF THE VALIANT EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO DATE, MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, BOTH TO MEET EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS LONGER TERM NEEDS OF THE AREA. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED.

MAY I ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OF THE FULLEST CO- OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AFFECTED NATIONS IN THE SAHELIAN ZONE AS THEY ARE PRESENTED. IN THIS CONNEXION, I AM PLEASED THAT YOU INTEND TO DESIGNATE MR. MAURICE J. WILLIAMS AS SPECIAL UNITED STATES CO- ORDINATOR.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY DEEP PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR THE COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE TRAGIC SUFFERING OF THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF THE SAHELIAN DROUGHT.

YOURS SINCERELY,
KURT WALDHEIM
SECRETARY- GENERAL UNQUOTE.

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